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## 1957 Year, For A.A.M.M. Conventions

### SPRING CONVENTIONS

Indiana - Iowa - Wisconsin - and Illinois are planning a two day meeting at Rock Island, Illinois, April 6th and 7th, 1957. Gilbert Schmitt is the host and plans are made to have gatherings at his place 2003 17th street, Rock Island, Illinois.

Washington is planning their spring Convention for June 7-8-9 at the Kennewick Hotel, Kennewick, Washington. They have invited Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and California, which will make it a five state affair.

Massachusetts is also having a convention this spring, but at this writing I don't have any information on it.

### CALIFORNIA MASSEURS ATTEND ONE-DAY CONVENTION HERE

The American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses met in Oroville for a one-day convention of California members.

The California chapter of the national organization was formed in June of 1956 in Los Angeles.

#### Protect Public

George Gammon, president from San Bernadino, said the organization is new to California. He said the purpose is to raise ethics in

the profession and protect the public.

The meeting was called in Oroville to enable members to meet each other and to discuss the field of massage. The group meets every three months in a different city.

Gammon said eventually there will be a northern and southern chapter.

P.S.—This clipping came without any headline or date so I don't know when or where this happened.—Editor.

### The National A.A.M.M. CONVENTION DATA

The Pennsylvania State Chapter of Masseurs and Masseuses invites you to a grand time and an interesting program at the 1957 National Convention of the American Association Masseurs and Masseuses to be held at the Necho Allen Hotel, Pottsville, Pennsylvania on August 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Pottsville, a city of 25,000 and the County Seat has a rich history associated with the Anthracite coal fields at whose southern edge it stands at a Gap in Sharp Mountain as the Gateway from the beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch farm lands. Surrounded by a number of smaller communities that bring the population of the metropolitan area to 55,000, the City serves as the principal trade cen-

ter of Schuylkill County and boasts stores and shops the equal of cities five times as large.

You will experience no difficulty traveling to Pottsville. The Reading Company runs seven daily, fast and comfortable, diesel-passenger trains to and from Philadelphia. Capitol Trailways maintains excellent bus service with connections at Harrisburg, Pa., Washington, D. C. and Norfolk, Va., and at Elmira, Rochester and Buffalo, New York. Edwards' Lakes-to-Sea Bus Company operates 4 schedules daily between New York City, Pottsville and Cleveland, Ohio. American Airlines, Capitol Airlines and TWA schedule daily service and connections at Reading, 34 miles south of Pottsville.

You will enjoy the accommodations of the Necho Allen Hotel, too. It is one of the most modern of the American Hotels Association group and has comfortable rooms and beds, good food and a beautiful dining room. Its ballroom, Henry Clay Room and smaller rooms will provide our Convention with ample facilities for our sessions, dinners and meetings.

The hotel management and the Greater Pottsville Area Chamber of Commerce have pledged their full cooperation to make this Convention a pleasant and memorable occasion for us. I, as Convention

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D. S. CARLSON,

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Someone has well said, "There is no pain like the pain of a new idea." The tendency of the adult mind is to go stale. We furnish a snug little thought-world with certain ideas and opinions, and then steadfastly resist the very suggestion that we might profitably add a piece or two of furniture or even a whole new room.

It was a closed mind that bypassed the modest town of Bethlehem, never dreaming that the Son of God might choose so unlikely a spot as His birthplace. Yet Jesus took humble Bethlehem and made it the Christmas capitol of the world. The worldly wise have no room for a prophet's message. It was a closed mind that asked in oft-repeated proverb, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

It was a closed mind that listened to the teachings of Jesus and then exclaimed, in bewilderment and derision, "How knoweth this man letters, never having learned?" Or as we might say, "What college has He attended,

that He should presume to teach us?" Yet Jesus, who was never graduated from any school of rabbis or priests, has been the inspiration for the founding of more colleges and seminaries and the writings of more books than any teacher of times. Such is the irony of history!

Will you give what you have? It may be better than you think. "Despise not the day of small beginnings."

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Chairman and Director, promise you one of the best conventions in A.A.M.M. history with outstanding speakers, exhibits and entertainment, including trips to the largest coal-breaker in the World and to anthracite mines and strip-pings.

A fine souvenir program is being prepared. Rates are reasonable: full page, \$30.00; ¾ page, \$23.00; ½ page, \$15.00; ¼ page, \$10.00. Should you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, we shall be pleased to receive your copy, mats and cuts together with your check covering space desired. Pages are to be 5"x8".

Plan now to join us in John O'Hara's home-town, the Gibbsville of his novels.

Cordially yours,  
Blandford Jones  
1957 Convention Chair-  
man & Program Director.

### Professional Ethics and Legal Aspects

**ETHICS DEFINED.** The science which deals with moral conduct. Keep your conversation with a new patient professional, and friendly by your manner, word, and conduct. Care should be taken to instruct the patient how to use the gown for a sheet, avoiding unnecessary exposure of the body.

**SERVICE.** Service to our client is very important, also neatness and cleanliness of the office, and therapist. Patient's welfare

and comfort must be considered. As a professional group, we have a position of trust and confidence, with reference to information we have acquired, while attending the patient. Respect your patients confidence. Let them talk about their aches and pains, but refrain from mentioning your own, no matter how tired or bad you may feel. Give the best you have always.

**INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Individuals are valued according to their ability to assume responsibility. A therapist should try to cultivate responsibility. Live your life out of your office so that you will command respect from all who know you.

**LOYALTY.** We should be loyal to the profession and fellow practitioners, no matter what branch of the healing arts, they represent. Refrain from fault finding, and criticism, except where criticism is made to those in a position to remedy it.

**THERAPISTS.** Therapists must be ethical in regard to referred patients, from fellow therapists, or any member of the healing arts. Give the patient exactly what the referring Doctor prescribed, no more. If they know your ability and suggest that you use your judgement, that's different. Charge ethical fees for your service, do not overcharge on insurance cases, or prolong treatment, for it may be a lucrative case. Our aim is to conserve life and promote health.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann B. White, Reg. P.T.  
National Ethics Chairman

Committee:  
Virginia George, L.M.  
Gladys Guntley, R.M.  
Lucinda Levasseur, L.M.  
John A. Murray, R.M.

### NEWS FLASH

NEW MODEL LAW PROPOSED BY THE REGISTERED PHYSICAL THERAPIST'S TO EMBRACE THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. BE PREPARED FOR A FIGHT WITH THE R.P.T.'s.





## MASSACHUSETTS

Through the courtesy of the American Cancer Society, a sound film of "We Speak Again" on rehabilitation after cancer surgery was shown, at a meeting held at the office of Massachusetts President, Ann B. White 246 Pleasant Street in East Walpole.

Ann and Hubert built a second therapy room. The walls are of birch paneling, and the color scheme of the room is grey, aqua, and coral—very attractive. Colonic therapy has been added, making the only member in Massachusetts who does this.

Dinner was at the "Lord Fox," with Rhode Island, and New Hampshire members present.

Virginia George of 281 Elmwood Road in North Attleboro, announced that she has made plans to open a Massage School, that is so needed in Massachusetts.

March 17th meeting will be held at Mary Sullivan's Bryant Hotel in Brockton.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Members repeat that this association gives so very much, each one opens up his office and his heart to help each other with techniques and going all-out to raise our standards.

Ann B. White, Reg. P.T.

Dear Member:

National convention time will

soon be here and the code of Ethics is enclosed. Is there anything you wish to add or improve. A letter from our good member John A. Murray of Washington made this comment after we tried to reduce it, and the same was published in the September issue of the Masseur. The December 3rd issue of Life published the new Medical Code of Ethics. John said that to reduce the accepted Code of Ethics was an injustice and that we had lost its punch. I feel it's true, and let me say now that man seems to know what he's talking about. Gladys Guntly and John have been no end of help.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Ann B. White, Reg. P.T.  
Nat'l Ethics Chm. A.A.M.M.

Fedora A. Goffinet L.M. was chairman of the January meeting at 197 Third Avenue, Fall River. After the business meeting Ann B. White, Reg. P.T. President of the Massachusetts Chapter said that there were no Schools in Massachusetts that taught Scientific Swedish massage. A discussion was held on the matter to see what action could be taken.

After a Chop Suey dinner at a local restaurant, the afternoon session began with Dr. Cecil George speaking on "frustrations." Louis Rano Reg. P.T. of the hotel Bancroft of Worcester gave a massage demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. White, Reg. P.T.  
Mass. President A.A.M.M.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MASSEURS AND MASSEUSES STATEMENT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, Inclusive		
CASH BALANCE, July 1, 1956	\$	226.32
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues	\$	2,145.50
Application Fees		306.00
Advertising—Magazines		29.00
Advertising—Yearbook		227.10
Supplies		309.03
	\$	3,016.63
Amounts to be held in Trust for States having no Chapters		345.50
		3,362.13
	\$	3,588.45
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Salary—Secretary-Treasurer	\$	200.00
Printing and Supplies—Stationery, Envelopes, Certificates, Charters, etc.		716.63
Postage, Stamped Envelopes etc.		109.83
Office Supplies and Expenses		24.73
Telephone		37.95
Association's Magazines		413.96
Travel Expenses		71.41
Insurance—Fidelity Bond		5.00
Audit Expense		270.50
Printing and Mailing Annual Report		86.06
Bank Service Charge		4.41
	\$	1,940.48
Amounts Previously held in Trust		251.00
		2,191.48
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1956	\$	1,396.97
<b>CASH RECONCILIATION</b>		
Cash on Deposit—First National Bank of Joliet	\$	1,401.97
Less checks issued and not presented for payment prior to Dec. 31, 1956		5.00
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1956	\$	1,396.97



## CALIFORNIA

It is with pride that I write this letter complimenting all of you on the growth of our California Chapter during its initial year. We are now the third largest Chapter in the National Association. I am proud of every one of you.

I would like to make as our slogan for the coming year for new membership "57 in '57" and if every member will get a member we will go far beyond this mark, and will be second if not first in the United States.

Let us look to the benefits. First, there is strength. No one wants to walk alone. Second, there is fraternity. We meet people, get new ideas, make new friends. Third, there is the unity. All working together to promote massage and its kindred treatments. Fourth, there is love. We must have love in our hearts to succeed in this profession.

Let us review what the National Association is doing for us. They give us professional standing because of the high qualifications needed for membership. They give us identity by the decals on our windows and cars, by the magazine sent to members, a certificate of Registry after three years membership and a yearly reference directory showing the membership nationwide and the particular modalities and practice of each operator.

Add to this—they give us a Public Relations service that is par excellent, with circulars, cuts for our stationery, envelope seals, newspaper releases that bring to the attention of the public the need for our service.

There will be a day not too far off when we will have legislation regulating Massage. If we work toward just legislation we can have a Massage Law that will benefit all of us. If we let the chips fall where they may we will wind up with a law that does not benefit us, but with restrictions that would make our profession useless.

The only way we can obtain our goals is by a strong State Organization, backed by a stronger National Organization. Let us all work toward that end.

There will be a State Chapter meeting in Oroville, California at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 1957. Make your plans to be there, (Official notice later.)

Plans for our first Convention. Changing the name, public relations on a national scale will benefit in the smallest communities, will be discussed.

Urge every ethical Masseuse and Masseuse that you know or can contact, to attend this meeting and plan now to be there yourself. If we work—work—work. We will GROW—GROW—GROW.

Sincerely

George D. Gammon, Pres.  
California Chap. A.A.M.M.

Note: Meet at the Oroville Inn at 11 o'clock a.m. for lunch.

Lloyd C. Allen, Secretary

## WASHINGTON

The monthly meeting of the Spokane Chapter of A.A.M.M. was held at the Cotner School of Massage & Hydrotherapy, N. 2207 Morton Street. Meeting was called to order by President C. R. Soper at 8:15 p.m. with seven members present. In the absence of our Sec'ty-Treas., Mr. R. A. Butt, minutes of the last meeting were not read and minutes of this meeting were taken by Mildred F. Churchill, member.

Old business: No reports were made as to the price, etc., of the cards similar to the one Steve Masan showed us. Mr. Leston Short suggested that we can get cards and letters quite reasonable and make our own signs.

Mr. Pete Eitreim reported that he received a check from Mr. Butt for Mr. Bloom's dues and Mr. Bloom requested that the check be returned as he no longer wishes to be a member of our organization. Mr. Short made a motion that the check for Mr. Bloom's dues be re-

turned to the treasury and was seconded by Mrs. Taylor; motion voted upon and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the tabled motion of raising money for the treasury by some method such as a card party. Mr. Soper appointed a committee with Mrs. Taylor as chairman and Mildred C. as assistant, along with the auxiliary asked by Mrs. Taylor to help line up a benefit card and/or bingo party in the near future. This was left to be further reported upon at the next meeting.

New Business: Mr. Eitreim read a letter which he received recently from Mr. Niedfelt concerning a massage law for us. Mr. Eitreim is going to write a letter of introduction on the association stationery to Charles R. Savage, State Representative of Mason County, sending it to John Murray to be given to Arthur Dunbar and Arthur Mann, both of whom are on the Legislative Committee. Discussion on legislation followed and each expressed his viewpoint. It was decided that we should take first steps first and that being, to see to it that our membership is increased and then swelling our treasury by benefit card parties, etc., until we have adequate funds to properly seek legislative representation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Masan and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Dr. Cotner had invited all her school students and six came as guests. There were eighteen people present when refreshments were served and a nice social evening was enjoyed by all. Dr. Cotner also sent written invitations to all Masseurs and Masseuses listed in the telephone directory, not members, but none came; although, several replied they were unable to attend, with thanks. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Edwards, N. 4003 Monroe St., February 1, 1957.

(MFC).



## INDIANA

11 a.m. meeting called to order by president, Helen Lewandowski. Eight members and five guests were present. Weather cold, roads icy and slick, so few got to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting at Sullivan, Ind., were read and approved.

The financial report was read and approved.

Several important and interesting letters were read and considered. It was decided we should participate in the quad-state Convention at Rock Island, April 6-7. Pres. Lewandowski asked your secretary if he could give a talk or demonstration. Your secretary agreed to offer a talk on and demonstration of, "Inductive Contact Therapy." This was approved.

We discussed our legislative Bill and the problem we face getting it passed. We were informed someone would have to go to Indianapolis to answer questions which the legislators might want answered. It was moved by Mr. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Ritzenhouse, that Mr. Spangle be prepared to go to Indianapolis if and whenever he might be called and that he be reimbursed for his expenses.

It was also agreed that our attorney, Harry T. Latham Jr., be retained to explain any provisions of the bill to the legislative committee considering it and make any necessary changes the committee might desire.

We approved the application of Mrs. Zivko Beckich for membership in A.A.M.M. The suggestion was made that we start planning a state convention to be held July 13-14, 1957. President Lewandowski appointed Bessie E. Erfurth chairman of the convention planning committee and gave her authority to choose the other members of her committee. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of congratulations to our new Governor in behalf of our group.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of our Edward and Adela Pomes, 6032 Columbia Ave., Hammond, Indiana, March 10, '57.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.  
Lowell M. Spangle  
Sec. & Treas. of the  
Ind. Chapter of A.A.M.M.

## IDAHO

1-26-57

The Idaho Chapter of A.A.M.M. met Jan. 16. Idaho Chapter is two years old now. We had a very good supper with 9 members, 2 visitors and our guest speaker, Mr. Niedfelt.

After supper a Mr. Blackstock, State Senator from Owyhee Co. stopped by. He spoke to us about our bill. Told us of a few changes in wording that would have to be made. He is willing to present the bill for us. He will see that it gets through the proper channels. We are to write to the Senators from our county and call their attention to this bill. We are hoping there won't be too much expense.

We are to send any article that we have for our state paper to, Mrs. Minnie Keim, Rt. 5, Nampa, Idaho. We will try to get our paper going again.

Mr. Neidfelt gave us a very interesting talk on why we need legislation. He gave us quite a boost. The absent ones missed a lot, as I am not able to put on paper what was said. He also answered any questions that we asked and gave us a good demonstration.

Paul also gave us a long delayed report on the convention.

Sincerely yours,  
Idaho Chapter A.A.M.M.  
Elva Sutton, Sec'y.

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## KENTUCKY

Met at Paul Stodghill home in Earlington, Ky., Jan. 20, 1957. Went out to a nice cafe, had lunch which was wonderful. After lunch we came back to the Stodghill home. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Pres. Paul Stodghill presiding. Five members, four guests present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

We had discussion on the convention in Pottsville, Pa., this year, and everyone seemed to be enthused and are planning to attend. Next meeting will be held at the Seibert Clinic in Dawson Springs, Ky., Feb. 17, 1957.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Mary E. Simmons  
Sec'y-Treas.

## HEALING HANDS

"If half as much scientific research had been expended on the principles governing manual treatment as upon pharmacology, the hand would be esteemed today on a par with drugs in acceptability and power. No single therapeutic agent can compare in efficiency with this familiar but perfect tool."

—Dr. J. Madison Taylor  
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## GEMS OF WISDOM

"Education is a companion no misfortune can depress, no crime destroy, no friend alienate, no despotism enslave; at home a friend, abroad an introduction, in solitude a solace, in society an ornament, in old age a comfort—without it, what is man?"

—Author unknown.



## PHYSICAL AGENTS

### Essentials Imperative to Clinical Application

By Kenneth Phillips, M.D.  
F.A.C.P.

#### PROBLEMS - TECHNICALITIES - TECHNICIANS

The successful therapeutic application of the physical agents by general practitioners and others not maintaining complete departments is crowned with problems. Those of experience no longer doubt the treatment value of these modalities; but many have failed to grasp one important perspective, namely, that they are adjuncts—seldom specifics. Personally, I feel that their greatest value, at large, is when they are used in conjunction with other indicated measures, therefore, their value to general practitioners.

A second problem soundly threaded into physical therapy is the misconception that the application of physical agents belongs only to the specialist. The Physiatrist, God bless him, has, from the physiological and modern research viewpoint, taken a bite that is going to require a man sized capacity to chew and swallow. If my analysis is halfway correct, he now faces the problem of being an authority in anatomy, physiology, surgery, orthopedics, neurology, obstetrics and psychiatry. He has now shouldered the responsibility of a specialty heretofore considered a monopoly of orthopedics. I remain happy as an internist with thirty years interest in clinical physical therapy as an adjunct. For entire field coverage, certainly the physiatrist has come into his own and should have it in charge; but hundreds of clinicians can select certain of the more simplified modalities and use them in scores of conditions to the enhancement of treatment of sick patients, and these suffering people are humanely entitled to these supplements to routine therapy.

Proper technical application,

obviously, is imperative; but it need not be viewed with complications that create phobias. The technician is the main rock upon which this responsibility rests under the direction of the doctor. They are the people who live with the patients. They are the scouts who can evaluate progress, modify technic, suggest changes far more accurately than the busy supervising physician. I feel so strongly in this regard that I would consider my objective, in this series, illogical and incomplete if I did not portray these assistants in their present practical status.

For generations the entire lot were so sadly neglected by medical men that they had to pioneer themselves by self propulsion. Then of recent years the pendulum has swung so widely in the opposite direction, focusing so much attention upon them that both general physicians and technicians themselves are left staggering and groping for a logical concept relative to their true function and position.

During the swing of the pendulum for a nonentity to an illuminated position of the technician, National and State associations have emerged. I assumed a very active part during the pioneer days of this transition, especially in the Southeastern United States. Commendable as these efforts and accomplishments have been, the fact still remains that I have observed them go overboard to the detriment of the general physician.

This has come about in the following way. During the infancy struggle of physical medicine, educational and training standards had to be progressively elevated in order to accomplish the first essential step, recognition by the American Medical Association. Pioneers in this "covered wagon trek" such as Hollender, Kobak (deceased), Coulter (deceased), Titus, McGuiness, Krusen, Hansen, Weiss, Behrends, Moore, Bierman, Everhardt (deceased), Hibben

(deceased) and scores of others, bled their energies dry in accomplishing this first step. Interestingly, in so far as I know, the entire batch represented another historical group of sincere scientists giving their all without a surplus dollar in the crowd. At this point I could not further live with my conscience without pin-pointing some credit upon a group I prefer to call the "backstage scientists." I refer to that group continually donating their money and hours of research, the manufacturers of drugs and equipment. In physical medicine they are the biophysicists, and they are the people who were and always will be saddled with the financial burden of these progressive developments for the doctor to later present on the stage before the public. Recently, they have been most unjustly criticized in an article referred to in my introductory issue. Then came the technician's organizations; and they have truly balled up the works.

Groups have amalgamated into associations, some with superb trainings, others with little or none, all designating themselves as R.P.T. and they have launched into passing legislation in States, many times without regard to proper coaching or advice. The general physician, knowing little of the fundamentals, has been hoodwinked into believing that it was for increased efficiency for the treatment of sick people, and has allowed these bills to become laws. Meanwhile, a "lost legion" has been discovered. In most of these legislative acts (otherwise commendable) no grandfather's clause has been drafted to take care of the hordes of experienced and qualified technicians already in practice, carrying out an efficient practical application of the art, but not graduates of one of the few presently accepted schools.

Therefore, the registered and non registered technicians are rapidly choosing up sides for bat-



tle, and logically so. Cases are already on record of Courts declaring these laws invalid, Grand Juries in some instances have thrown them out the window, and possibly most important to the general physician is that the National Accreditation Board for hospitals are finding themselves saddled with an unavoidable burden of declaring a "closed shop." Over this the registered group will find themselves in the street minus a breadbasket, and they represent thousands of people in this nation.

While this dilemma is stewing in the pot, the official United States Government Committee on Mobilization and Health Manpower completed their survey and handed in their report as of January, 1956. In summary, it revealed a national shortage in 1956 of 13,600 technicians and their best estimate of production out of the 36 presently accepted schools would be 750. This critical study only included hospitals and established centers of physical therapy; not doctors' offices.

How does all this conflagration affect the general clinician? In two ways. First, if he is to take advantage of what physical agents offer him to supplement his efficiency of treatment, he must obtain technicians. Secondly, the general practitioner in this nation today represents the backbone of rural medical practice and the only surviving vestige left of the "family physician." He must avail himself of the basic physical agents to keep himself abreast of therapeutic efficiency. If he does not, then he is negligent in his philosophy to the sick public. If he does, he cannot be expected to specialize, but he will be compelled to gain sufficient supervisory knowledge and employ qualified technical help. Since his recompense will always be proportional to the financial status of his constituents, he will never enjoy the fat fees of his urban colleagues, and, therefore, can never in turn pay the

counterpart fat salaries for "Prima Donna" technicians.

Therefore, with the present and future calculated shortage, some attention must be given to training of practical physical therapists who are capable of efficiently functioning to aid the sick and at the same time assisting him elsewhere with his practice at a salary that will meet his budget. It will, however, be vitally necessary that these technicians be permitted to matriculate in the short refresher courses (periodically) now offered by various institutes. Under the present dilemma, already described, they are not allowed. At the risk of repetition, I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity of this concept. This very moment I have just returned from a staff meeting of the largest hospital in Florida. The shortage of nursing help is so acute that a special committee was appointed to attempt a solution. Truly pitiful that such a committee was not functioning when a few years back State legislation was passed which dealt the blow now resulting in this crisis. That is what I am attempting to portray in this discussion relative to Physical therapy. From the technical viewpoint, the same spectre rears its head. Without practical technicians in physical therapy, the general clinician is dead before he starts.

In conclusion, problems, technicalities and technicians are all vitally necessary to the application of physical agents by the general clinician. With this discussed, I shall in my next article launch upon the basic agents themselves and their general application to the common ailments facing the family doctor.

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Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts working.

## DECEASED

Mr. Floyd Perquette  
72 Elm St., Pontiac, Mich.

Died Feb. 15, 1957

The State Chapter sent flowers.

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